

Senate Resolution 53

By: Senators Albers of the 56th, Walker III of the 20th, Mullis of the 53rd, James of the 35th, Rahman of the 5th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing and commanding Barry Rassin for his outstanding public service; and for other
- 2 purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Barry Rassin has long been recognized by the citizens of The Bahamas for the
- 4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the health and
- 5 welfare of all Bahamian citizens; and

- 6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
- 7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and nation as evidenced
- 8 dramatically by his superlative service as president of the Doctors Hospital Health System
- 9 and as president of the Rotary Club of East Nassau and, later, of Rotary International; and

- 10 WHEREAS, Barry began his career in hospital administration in Florida, but returned to his
- 11 home in The Bahamas in 1979 to further develop the Rassin Hospital, a hospital founded by
- 12 his parents, a surgeon and a nurse; and

- 13 WHEREAS, by 1986, with Barry at the helm as administrator, Doctors Hospital was
- 14 launched, filling a void in health care in The Bahamas; he recently retired after 37 years as
- 15 president of the Doctors Hospital Health System, but continues to serve as an advisor; and

- 16 WHEREAS, since 1980, Barry has worked tirelessly with the Rotary Club at the local and
- 17 district levels and with Rotary International, where he served as a member of the board of
- 18 directors, an aide to the organization's president, and as vice chairman of the Rotary
- 19 Foundation Board of Trustees before filling the role of president; and

- 20 WHEREAS, as president of Rotary International, Barry has traveled the globe promoting
- 21 Rotary and its most important goals of eradicating polio from the planet and inspiring its
- 22 members to do good in the world; and

23 WHEREAS, Barry has received the Rotary's highest honor, the Service Above Self Award,
24 as well as many other humanitarian awards for his work in leading Rotary's relief efforts in
25 Haiti after the 2010 earthquake there; and

26 WHEREAS, Barry is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
27 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
29 remarkable and distinguished citizen be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
31 recognize and commend Barry Rassin for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated
32 public service and extend the most sincere best wishes for continued health and happiness.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
34 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Barry Rassin.